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## *Schumer Study: Domestic Violence Touches Every Corner of the State; Feds Need To Reauthorize Landmark Violence Against Women Act*

A new Schumer Study shows that since the passage of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) in 1994, victims of domestic abuse are more likely to report incidents of domestic violence to authorities, and authorities keep better track of domestic violence cases. According to the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services, there have been over **207,000** reported cases of domestic violence in Upstate New York between 2000 and 2004. The Schumer study illustrates how reported cases of domestic violence have increased by **128%** in 2004 compared with 1993, before the landmark Violence Against Women's Act. While domestic violence has probably not risen, *reporting* of domestic violence has risen dramatically in light of the 1994 legislation, the Violence Against Women Act. However, despite the fact that reporting and data about domestic violence cases is up over 10 years, Justice Department surveys that the actual incidence rate of domestic violence has declined by 59 percent and the rate of rape and sexual assault declined by 68 percent since VAWA took effect.

VAWA made local agencies treat domestic violence as a separate crime, funded many victims centers, awareness campaigns, and began programs that granted Upstate New York over **\$11.5 million** in 2004. VAWA funds have supported the enforcement of protection orders, legal assistance, intensive training, community education, and local efforts to bring communities together to respond to violence against women.

In the **Central New York** the police have reported **34,361** incidents of domestic violence since 2000. Between 1993 and 2004 reporting of domestic violence incidents went up **77%**. In 2004 the U.S. Department of Justice has granted Central New York grants worth **\$ 1,369,624** through Violence Against Women's Act programs.

<b>County</b>	<b>Reported Domestic Violence Cases 2000-2004</b>	<b>Percentage Change In Reported Domestic Violence Incidents 1993 vs. 2004</b>	<b>2004 Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women Grants</b>
<b>Cortland</b>	3,363	46%	N/A
<b>Madison</b>	1,399	125%	\$26,000
<b>Oneida</b>	10,611	-23%	\$637,199
<b>Onondaga</b>	14,245	159%	\$657,465
<b>Oswego</b>	4,743	102%	\$48,960
<b>Central New York Total</b>	<b>34,361</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>\$1,369,624</b>

In the **Rochester/Finger Lakes** region the police have reported **29,964** incidents of domestic violence since 2000. Between 1993 and 2004 reporting of domestic violence incidents went up **240%**. In 2004 the U.S. Department of Justice has granted the Rochester/Finger Lakes grants worth **\$1,305,487** through Violence Against Women's Act programs.

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<b>Cayuga</b>	4,946	421%	\$41,280
<b>Livingston</b>	1,204	3%	\$63,400
<b>Monroe</b>	12,738	569%	\$1,045,355
<b>Ontario</b>	1,447	100%	\$21,500
<b>Schuyler</b>	240	-84%	N/A
<b>Seneca</b>	2,171	34%	N/A
<b>Tompkins</b>	3,993	307%	\$35,600
<b>Wayne</b>	2,682	31%	\$68,352
<b>Yates</b>	543	664%	\$30,000
<b>Rochester/Finger Lakes Total</b>	<b>29,964</b>	<b>240%</b>	<b>\$1,305,487</b>

In the **Capital Region** the police have reported **45,245** incidents of domestic violence since 2000. Between 1993 and 2004 reporting of domestic violence incidents went up **165%**. In 2004 the U.S. Department of Justice has granted the Capital Region grants worth **\$4,632,227** through Violence Against Women's Act programs.

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<b>Albany</b>	14,499	165%	\$688,953 Local \$3,027,684 (State Agencies and Universities)*
<b>Fulton</b>	2,784	41%	\$55,870
<b>Montgomery</b>	760	17%	\$30,720
<b>Rensselaer</b>	6,181	450%	\$562,000
<b>Saratoga</b>	3,443	66%	\$96,500
<b>Schenectady</b>	14,754	246%	\$88,400
<b>Schoharie</b>	891	220%	\$28,000
<b>Washington</b>	1,933	150%	\$54,100
<b>Capital Region Totals</b>	<b>45,245</b>	<b>165%</b>	<b>\$4,632,227</b>

In the **Hudson Valley** the police have reported **45,548** incidents of domestic violence since 2000. Between 1993 and 2004 reporting of domestic violence incidents went up **69%**. In 2004 the U.S. Department of Justice has granted the Hudson Valley grants worth **\$1,401,245** through Violence Against Women's Act programs.

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<b>Columbia</b>	1,387	-24%	N/A
<b>Dutchess</b>	5,013	42%	\$96,541
<b>Greene</b>	1,276	91%	\$16,300
<b>Orange</b>	12,117	215%	\$30,000
<b>Putnam</b>	3,632	199%	\$48,000
<b>Rockland</b>	3,402	-20%	\$809,799
<b>Sullivan</b>	2,765	196%	N/A
<b>Ulster</b>	4,919	191%	N/A
<b>Westchester</b>	8,037	-3%	\$400,605
<b>Hudson Valley Totals</b>	<b>42,548</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>\$1,401,245</b>

In the **North Country** the police have reported **15,527** incidents of domestic violence since 2000. Between 1993 and 2004 reporting of domestic violence incidents went up **239%**. In 2004 the U.S. Department of Justice has granted the North Country grants worth **\$496,585** through Violence Against Women's Act programs.

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<b>Clinton</b>	1,704	500%	\$115,400
<b>Essex</b>	832	182%	\$79,325
<b>Franklin</b>	903	754%	\$99,440
<b>Hamilton</b>	82	100%	N/A
<b>Herkimer</b>	1,555	-64%	\$35,220
<b>Jefferson</b>	4,150	583%	\$64,000
<b>Lewis</b>	759	329%	\$20,000
<b>St. Lawrence</b>	4,726	166%	\$35,200
<b>Warren</b>	816	368%	\$48,000
<b>North Country Totals</b>	<b>15,527</b>	<b>239%</b>	<b>\$496,585</b>

In the **Southern Tier** the police have reported **13,575** incidents of domestic violence since 2000. Between 1993 and 2004 reporting of domestic violence incidents went up **68%**. In 2004 the U.S. Department of Justice has granted the Southern Tier grants worth **\$145,180** through Violence Against Women's Act programs.

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<b>Allegany</b>	1,001	87%	\$48,000
<b>Broome</b>	3,107	149%	\$64,000
<b>Chemung</b>	1,017	-56%	N/A
<b>Chenango</b>	1,581	115%	N/A
<b>Delaware</b>	1,271	441%	N/A
<b>Otsego</b>	1,555	785%	N/A
<b>Steuben</b>	3,332	35%	\$33,180
<b>Tioga</b>	711	-63%	N/A
<b>Southern Tier Totals</b>	<b>13,575</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>\$145,180</b>

In Western New York the police have reported **25,472** incidents of domestic violence since 2000. Between 1993 and 2004 reporting of domestic violence incidents went up **192%**. In 2004 the U.S. Department of Justice has granted the Western New York grants worth **\$2,359,284** through Violence Against Women's Act programs.

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<b>Cattaraugus</b>	3,729	565%	\$60,660
<b>Chautauqua</b>	3,321	170%	\$86,800
<b>Erie</b>	9,993	185%	\$2,014,664
<b>Genesee</b>	819	457%	\$38,400
<b>Niagara</b>	5,438	137%	\$127,560
<b>Orleans</b>	1,037	210%	N/A
<b>Wyoming</b>	1,135	35%	\$31,200
<b>Western New York Totals</b>	<b>25,472</b>	<b>192%</b>	<b>\$ 2,359,284</b>

**\*\*\*Data from on Uniform Crime Reporting System to New York's State Department of Criminal Justice Services, United States Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women, and the New York State Office of Violence Against Women.**

**\*Albany County numbers include money given to state agencies.**